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FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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TAGS: SREF, CVIS, KE, ET, US

SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES

1. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASKED IN CONFIDENCE BY THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES REPRESENTATIVE IN KENYA TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY WITH THE FOLLOWING SITUATION. IN JUNE OF 1976, A GROUP OF SOME 90 ETHIOPIANS WHO HAD OBTAINED REFUGE IN SOMALIA ENTERED KENYA IN THE BELIEF THAT THEY WOULD FIND BETTER CONDITIONS AND GREATER ASSISTANCE HERE. THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA HAS REFUSED TO GRANT THEM SECOND-COUNTRY ASYLUM STATUS, HAS DECLARED THEM PROHIBITED IMMIGRANTS, AND HAS DETAINED THEM IN NAIROBI'S REMAND PRISON UNTIL THIRD COUNTRIES ARE FOUND TO RECEIV THEM. UNHCR APPEALS TO THE GOK HAVE BEEN DENIED, AND SOMALIA REFUSES TO PERMIT THEIR RE-ENTRY.

2. UNHCR HAS IDENTIFIED FOUR OF THESE PERSONS WHO HAVE UNCLES OR CLOSE USC FRIENDS IN THE U.S., AND WHO WISH TO RESETTLE THERE. POST HAS FULLY ADVISED UNHCR ABOUT INS SEVENTH PREFERENCE PROCEDURE, AND ESPECIALLY ABOUT REQUIREMENT THAT APPLICANTS BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN ONE OF THE INS JURISDICTIONS ABROAD. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THESE INDIVIDULS ARE UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO ROME OR ATHENS (NEAREST INS OFFICES TO KENYA), UNHCR HAS ASKED THAT THE EMBASSY INQUIRE ABOUT A POSSIBLE EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE IN THE CASES OF THESE FOUR INDIVIDUALS. POST CAN SUPPLY FURTHER INFORMATION

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ABOUT THESE PERSONS IF DESIRED, BUT BASIC QUESTION OF EXCEPTION

TO PHYSICAL PRESENCE REQUIREMENT MUST BE DECIDED FIRST. POST  
WILL APPRECIATE IT IF DEPT. CAN SEEK ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION  
FROM INS. POST HAS ADVISED UNHCR THAT EXCEPTIONS TO ESTABLISHED  
PROCEDURE WOULD BE RARELY GRANTED, IF AT ALL.  
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